riparian States, also envisages irrigation benefits to the State of Gujarat.

Indira Gandhi Nahar Pariyojana

3192. DR. MAHESH CHANDRA SHARMA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the expected assistance under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme for implementation on Indira Gandhi Nahar Pariyojana during the remaining period of Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(b) whether the assistance for the current Annual Plan has been released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) The allocations under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) are made on year to year basis for those ongoing irrigation projects which satisfy the AIBP criteria and are proposed by the State, subject to availability of funds and the budget outlays provided by the State for these projects in their respective annual plans and keeping in view State ceiling of Central Loan Assistance prescribed by Planning Commission for the year.

(b) Yes, Sir. An amount of Rs. 25 crore has been released as first instalment of Central Loan Assistance for Indira Gandhi Nahar Pariyojana under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme during the current year.

Shah-Nahar Major Irrigation Project

3193. SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Shah-Nahar Major Irrigation Project with an outlay of Rs. 143.32 crores to be shared jointly by Punjab and Himachal Pradesh has been approved;

(b) if so, the details thereof;